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An Act To Amend the Games of Cards Law

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §339, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1991, c. 528, Pt. H, §2 and affected by Pt. RRR and amended by c. 591, Pt. H, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Games of cards. The fee for a license issued to an organization to operate a game of cards, when the organization charges no more than ~~\$1~~ \$5 daily entry fee for participation in the games of cards and when no money or valuable thing other than the ~~\$1~~ \$5 daily entry fee is gambled by any person in connection with the game of cards, is ~~\$7.50~~ \$30 for each calendar year or portion thereof. For card games that are played by placing a maximum bet of \$1 per hand or deal, the license fee is the same as provided in subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §341, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 716, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Limits. The maximum bet for licensed games of chance, including card games in which bets are placed per hand or per deal, is \$1 for any one chance, hand or deal. Licensed card games that award part or all of the entry fees paid to participate as prize money and in which no money or thing of value is wagered except for the entry fee are limited to a \$5 daily entry fee and no more than 40 players at any one time at any one location.

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